

Mackinac Bridge May Traffic Report

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Robert J. Sweeney, Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, reported today that 370,850 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of May. This represents a 3.4 percent decrease when compared to the 383,847 crossings during May 2002. Commercial traffic for the month of April was up 3.5 percent. Truck crossings were up 10.4 percent.

Traffic for the first five months of 2003 is running 3.6 percent behind last year's pace; 1,318,914 vehicles versus 1,367,922 in 2002. Commercial traffic for the first four months of 2003 is up 0.7 percent over the same period of last year.

Fare revenue for the month of May was up 52.8 percent and 11.9 percent for the year, compared to 2002. This increase is due to the recent toll restructuring that was implemented on May 1, 2003.

Mr. Sweeney reported that construction activity is in full swing at the Mackinac Bridge. This year's maintenance and construction programs include the first phase of a \$73 million painting project, crossbeam repair, spot blasting, and structural concrete repair. Mr. Sweeney asks that travelers drive with extreme caution during the construction season, slow down, be aware of our construction workers, and "Give 'em a Brake".